

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Job

Read Job

Review the story of Job. Explain that this is a drama. It opens with a description of Job's prosperity. He had everything he could ever want. We see that God is pleased and that Job is a good man and he honors God.

- What makes a "good" person?
- Describe someone you know who is good?
- Why is it important to be good?
- How do your parents, teachers, friends, treat you when you are good?
- How do you identify yourself?
- How would you answer the question, "Who am I?"
- What do you know about your nature?
- What does God know about you?

Discuss the story of Job starting with the visit of his three friends - Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar.

- Why are his friends visiting him?
- What do they recommend that Job should do? [Job 4:1-14:22 First cycle of speeches]
- What kind of comfort did they offer Job?
- Would you want them as your friends?
 - Why or why not?
- Describe the perfect friend.
 - Do you have a friend like that?
 - Are you a friend like your description?
- Would any of Job's friends fit the description of a perfect friend?
 - Why? Or Why not?
- If you had been Job's friend, what would you have done to help him?
- After reading about Job's friends, what do you learn about advice?
- Should we ever pay attention to what our friends say?

- What if we like our friends a lot and they recommend we do something that is bad – what do you do?
- How do you stand up to your friends when they are asking you to do something wrong?
- Do you feel insecure about breaking a friendship over standing for Principle?
- How did Job respond to his friends?
 - Did he cave in and do as they advised?
 - How did Job defend himself?
 - Are you willing to defend yourself?

Read - Job 38:1-42:6

After Job goes through three cycles of speeches from his friends, and Elihu's angry response, to whom does Job speak next? [God]

- What does God say to Job?
- What does God say about the creation of the universe?
- Why does God mention He created the universe?
- When God asks Job to speak, what do you notice about his answers? ·
- How would you respond to God?
- Who or what are Behemoth and Leviathan? [Behemoth could be either a gigantic species of hippopotamus or water buffalo. Leviathan, according to some researchers, could be a crocodile or a sea monster.]
- Why are these creatures mentioned? [If Job wants to play God, he must rule these beasts.]
- What is Job's response to God? [Absolute awe of God's power.]
- When did you talk with God last?
- Why is prayer a form of talking with God?
- How often do you pray?
- Give an example of how you pray.
- List some of the Bible figures you have studied who had conversations with God.
- Why is it important to talk with God?
- Do you hold God in complete reverence?

- Would you argue with God or listen?